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SUBJECT: MARITIME AFFAIRS: GUATEMALAN PROBLEM IN SELA

SUMMARY: A PRESS REPORT FROM CARACAS STATES THAT SELA DECIDED TO ASSIST GUATEMALA AGAINST MARITIME SANCTIONS PROPOSED BY THE US. END SUMMARY.

1. AFP REPORT DATED CARACAS, MARCH 25, STATES THAT SELA ADOPTED A DECISION BASED UPON REPRESENTATIONS MADE BY GUATEMALA CONCERNING THE ATTITUDE OF THE FMC OF THE US TO IMPOSE SANCTIONS ON GUATEMALA.

2. THE SANCTIONS, ACCORDING TO GUATEMALA, WOULD BE A MEANS OF PRESSURE "SEEKING THAT GUATEMALA DEROGATE LEGAL AND SOVEREIGN RIGHTS THAT AUTHORIZE INCENTIVES FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF ITS YOUNG NATIONAL MERCHANT FLEET."

3. GUATEMALA CLAIMED THAT THIS TYPE OF SANCTION COULD BE EXTENDED TO OTHER NATIONS THAT PROTECT THEIR MERCHANT MARINE AND THAT THEY FORM PART OF A SERIES OF PRESSURE TACTICS AGAINST ALL THE MEMBERS OF SELA THAT THEY DROP MARITIME PROMOTION LAWS.

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4. THE PRESS ITEM ENDS BY NOTING THAT THE GUATEMALAN PRESENTATION TO SELA DID NOT CONTAIN MORE DETAILS. NONETHELESS, SELA EXPRESSED ITS UNRESTRICTED SOLIDARITY WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF GUATEMALA IN FACING THE PRESSURE TACTICS REFERRED TO.  
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